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Ordinary Council meeting
Monday, 14 July 2025

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MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1 - 90 DEVONPORT ROAD, TAURANGA
ON MONDAY, 14 JULY 2025 AT 9:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Hēmi Rolleston
IN ATTENDANCE:	Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Paul Davidson (Chief Financial Officer), Barbara Dempsey (General Manager: Community Services), Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Alastair McNeill (General Manager: Corporate Services), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Compliance), Gareth Wallis (General Manager: City Development & Partnerships), Alison Law, (Manager: Spaces & Places), Ross Hudson (Strategic Planning & Partnerships), Shawn Geard (Centre City Infrastructure Lead), Reece Wilkinson (Parking Strategy Manager), Clare Sullivan (Team Leader: Governance Services), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor),
EXTERNAL:	Nicola Compton & Rick Powdrell (Tauranga Netball Centre), Barry Andrews (Vice President - Bay of Plenty Speedway Association), Melissa Webb (Speedway Manager at Baypark), Steve Daniel (Speedway), Marry Dillon, Des Heke (Kaiawha Ngā Tarati Whenua Māori o Maungatapu Marae, Kaitimako & Otanewainuku Whānau), Arthur Flintoff (Ngā Pōtiki, Te Rangapū Mana whenua o Tauranga Moana), Darlene Dinsdale (Te Arawa ki Tai), Hakopa Tapiata (Te Arawa), Ratahi Cross (Ngai Tukairangi Hapu and Te Awanui HukaPak)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Baker opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

TIMESTAMP: :6:40

3.1 Nicola Compton & Rick Powdrell – Tauranga Netball Centre

Nicola Compton and Rick Powdrell from the Tauranga Netball Centre spoke to the Council regarding item 11.1 netball Relocation to Baypark. They supported the proposal and would appreciate a lead in-time for the lease commencing at $70,000 increasing to $100,000 to year 3.

TIMESTAMP: :19:10

3.2 Barry Andrews Vice-President, Bay of Plenty Speedway Association

Mr Andrews spoke in support of the proposal to Speedway Racing Ltd to continue at Baypark Stadium until 2039. He spoke on the continued and increasing participation and supporters of Speedway. The signing of the new speedway lease would continue to increase the growth of the sport. Speedway would invest money in the North Stand and pay costs of maintenance. He urged the Council to sign the new lease agreement.

TIMESTAMP: :28:38

3.3 Melissa Webb, Speedway Manager at Baypark

Melissa Webb, Speedway Manager at Baypark Racing Ltd, spoke in support of the proposal and noted that speedway was a local activity that the whole family could take part in together and was a supportive community. It kept people in the Bay of Plenty. It was a consistent and meaningful contributor to the local economy. Speedway was about giving young people a community and providing valuable lessons.

TIMESTAMP: 34:00

3.4 Steve Daniel - Speedway

Steve Daniel spoke in support of the proposal. He noted his whanau connection with the speedway, he history of speedway in Tauranga and the important place it had in the community.

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3.5 Mary Dillon – Local Water Done Well

Mary Dillon spoke to the report regarding Local Water Done Well. She urged the need for consultation when developing the CCO, the issue of privatisation, the issue of the significance policy and how it should be applied.

TIMESTAMP: :47:30

3.6 Des Heke - Kaiawha Ngā Tarati Whenua Māori o Maungatapu Marae, Kaitimako & Otanewainuku Whānau

Mr Heke sought a delay in the decision following the new direction to partner with Thames-Coromandel District Council. He opposed this partnership. He also highlighted the need for genuine engagement with tangata whenua, fair and equitable service planning and redress for legacy issues and protection of Māori interests.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 11.1 of the supplementary agenda Local Water Done Well will be taken at 1pm.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 June 2025

RESOLUTION CO/25/21/1

Moved: Cr Rick Curach
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7.2 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 June 2025

RESOLUTION CO/25/21/2

Moved: Cr Hēmi Rolleston
Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Nil

10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil

11 BUSINESS

TIMESTAMP: 1:05

11.1 Netball Relocation to Baypark

Staff Barbara Dempsey, General Manager: Community Services
Alison Law, Manager: Spaces & Places
Ross Hudson, Strategic Planning & Partnerships

Action:

- That staff provide Councillors with the cost of signalisation or a right hand turn into Truman Lane.

At 1.30 am the meeting adjourned.

At 12 noon the meeting reconvened.

A MOTION WAS PROPOSED:

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Netball Relocation to Baypark".

(b) Agrees the following key parameters for the commercial and tenure arrangements with Tauranga Netball Centre when relocated to Baypark and delegates to the Chief Executive authority to finalise agreements within these parameters -

(i) An exclusive sub-lease with Bay Venues for a new 800m2 building to support netball at Baypark until 2042, with one right of renewal for 15 years, to be a cost to Tauranga Netball Centre of $70,000 per annum in year one of the lease, rising to $100,000 per annum by year three of the lease and to be reviewed every three years.

(ii) A licence to occupy the new outdoor courts at Baypark (number of courts and hours of use) required to meet core netball activities standard hours of use with payment for this through a ‘facility charge’ set at $150 per team per annum in year one, rising to $300 per annum in year three (outdoor netball only) and to be reviewed every three years.

(iii) Tauranga Netball Centre to be able to run a kitchen / canteen from the leased building and to hire the building out to other community activities to generate revenues.

(iv) Tauranga Netball Centre to have first rights to book additional outdoor courts at the new facility

(v) Total cost is within the budgeted cost of $15.34m (being $13.97 for the netball multi-sport centre, plus $1.37 for the central road and landscaping).

(c) Agrees to proceed with the detailed design and consenting phase of the Baypark programme and requests staff bring back to the City Delivery committee a refined cost and delivery programme with a focus on value for money to seek confirmation to deliver from 2025/26.

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AN AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED:

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular
Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Council:

Replace recommendation b(iv) with the following:

(iv) Tauranga Netball centre may set in their annual plan, proposed bookings for the additional outdoor courts, for the following 12 months, acknowledging that significant fixtures from non-netball events that may have already been booked.

For: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Hēmi Rolleston.

Against: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Shuler, Cr Rod Taylor.

CARRIED

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS THEN PUT TO THE MEETING

RESOLUTION CO/25/21/3

That the Council:

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For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Kevin Shuler, Cr Rod Taylor.

Against: Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Marten Rozeboom

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 2:11

11.2 Community Feedback on Speedway Proposals

Staff Barbara Dempsey, General Manager: Community Services
Alison Law, Manager: Spaces & Places
Ross Hudson, Strategic Planning & Partnerships

Action:

- That staff provide a copy of the draft lease agreement to Councillors.

A MOTION WAS PROPOSED:

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom
Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Community Feedback on Speedway Proposals".

(b) Requests staff proceed with negotiations with Speedway Racing Ltd with the following key parameters -

i. Sale of the North Stand to Speedway Racing Ltd for $1 with an agreement to purchase it back for $1 in 2039, with costs and liabilities (including for health and safety) for the stand passing to Speedway Racing Ltd.

ii. Sub-lease of the land on which the Baypark Stadium sits to Speedway Racing Ltd until 2039, for a percentage of revenue from events held.

iii. A 'licence to occupy' to Speedway Racing Ltd for other spaces at Baypark at times necessary to enable Speedway events.

AN AMENDMENT WAS PUT

Moved: Cr Rick Curach
Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

- Add immediately before (b) i: 'and report back to Council with the final agreement prior to execution.'

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Hēmi Rolleston and Cr Kevin Shuler.

Against: Cr Marten Rozeboom and Cr Rod Taylor.

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS THEN PUT TO THE MEETING

RESOLUTION CO/25/21/4

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom
Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Community Feedback on Speedway Proposals".

(b) Requests staff proceed with negotiations with Speedway Racing Ltd with the following key parameters and report back to Council with the final agreement prior to execution:

i. Sale of the North Stand to Speedway Racing Ltd for $1 with an agreement to purchase it back for $1 in 2039, with costs and liabilities (including for health and safety) for the stand passing to Speedway Racing Ltd.

ii. Sub-lease of the land on which the Baypark Stadium sits to Speedway Racing Ltd until 2039, for a percentage of revenue from events held.

iii. A 'licence to occupy' to Speedway Racing Ltd for other spaces at Baypark at times necessary to enable Speedway events.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Shuler and Cr Rod Taylor.

Against: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 4:16

11.1 Local Water Done Well - Preferred Water Services Delivery Model

Staff Christine Jones, General Manager, Strategy, Growth and Governance
Charles Lane, Legal Counsel

Public forum

Cr Hēmi Rolleston gave a mihi welcome to the submitters.

Arthur Flintoff – Nga Potiki, Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

- The timeframe to delay the decision until 3 September 2025 was still not sufficient as it did not provide the space to properly engage with the range of hapū across Tauranga Moana, each of whom had different relationships with the wai. This was a constitutional issue as it had deep indications for Treaty rights, relationships and kotahitanga.
- Tangata whenua had been asked to trust Council while they still had other issues that had not been resolved nor had they been given space, with comments made being treated as reactive rather than regenerative. Now they were expected to respond to pre-determined plans and not have input into shaping them. The process treated water as an infrastructure first rather than as a taonga, drawing sacred resources into a structure where they were valued for economic efficiency not cultural significance. Iwi's treatment of water reflected the way they valued life, guardianship and responsibility.
- Mr Flintoff sought to defer the decision, allowing more time for these important issues and continue meaningful engagement with tangata whenua and to reflect the shared responsibility.

Darlene Dinsdale – Te Arawa ki Tai

- Supported a CCO, in conjunction with the Western Bay of Plenty District Council. Partnership was important to the iwi noting the Environment Court decision on the Waiari. There had been a lack of due diligence with no rangatira to rangatira conversations, which was seen as a sign of disrespect. Any consultation going forward needed to be honourable, with good intent, in good faith needed to bode well into the future.

Hakopa Tapiata – Te Arawa

- The extension of the decision was an improvement from the hui held on 18 July 2025 where certain guarantees were given to the collective iwi present that the process would be more inclusive than it had been so far. Te Arawa stood in unity with Tauranga Moana.

Ratahi Cross – Ngai Tukairangi Hapū and Te Awanui Huka Pak

- The submission had been done under duress with insufficient time to allow a robust exchange and dialogue with iwi and hapū. Te Rangapū was not the entity that decided on such issues as the parameters of 'water done well' went way beyond their scope. Water was a taonga and natural resource and they would not support anything that suggested a Council owned the water, therefore requiring any partnership to be a binding ethic of operation for which the narrative about water was better canvassed.
- Any joint water service to a CCO must include co-governance, co-design and a permanent hapū seat or seats at all levels of the discussion. As there were judicial cases still being decided by the High Court, the submitters insisted that Council adopt a sunset clause that a new water structure could be negotiated once the Judgement was released. The submitter indicated that TCC must avoid entering into any long term contracts that would restrain future rangatiratanga rights or dilute local voices. Iwi from outside Tauranga Moana must not override the local mana whenua and requested that a clear hierarchy for primary decision

making sat with the local mana whenua of each area.
- The submitter outlined the process Ngai Tukairangi requested the Council to consider as outlined in their submission.

In response to questions to submitters

- The submitter acknowledged the complexity of the issue, the mana of Tauranga and the extension into other rohe and Council areas. They were not adverse to Water Done Well and asked why it was not dealt with correctly from the beginning. The steps to deal with outside rohe needed to be done later. Care for water was paramount and iwi had a green footprint. They were seeking the respect of the greenbelt and to participate in the journey forward and the future of water.
- Information on 'making an informed decision' on the joining of TCC with Thames-Coromandel District Council had not been made available, so they were unable to comment on the CCO proposal. There were also issues between the iwi of these areas.
- Tangata whenua were always being asked to react and the submitters noted that Council needed to be having conversations with them. It was easy to call iwi leaders and set up a dialogue before making any decisions.

RESOLUTION CO/25/21/5

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Council:

(a) Lets the report lie on the table until the 5 August 2025 Council meeting.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Kevin Shuler, Cr Rod Taylor.

Against: Cr Marten Rozeboom

CARRIED

Reason for decision:
- The decision to let the report lie on the table was because Council sought more information and time to engage with iwi and hapu.

At 3.06pm the meeting adjourned.

At 3.13pm the meeting reconvened.

The remaining business agenda items were dealt with in the following order.

TIMESTAMP: 5:43

11.6 Remits to Local Government New Zealand

RESOLUTION CO/25/21/6

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Remits to Local Government New Zealand ".

Voting

(b) Provides the following direction to Council's representatives at the Local Government New Zealand annual general meeting on whether the remits to that meeting should be supported or not supported.

Remit	Topic	Support / not support
1	Security System Payments	Support
2	Improving Joint Management Agreements	Support
3	Alcohol Licensing Fees	Support
4	Aligning public and school bus services	Support
5	Review of local government arrangements to achieve better balance	Support

Cr Rod Taylor abstained on consideration of Remit (b) 3.

Priorities

(c) Delegates responsibility to those representatives to determine a view on the priorities of the successful remits and convey this to the annual general meeting as required.

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 5:55

11.5 Transport Resolutions Report No.56

Staff Nic Johansson, General Manager: Infrastructure
Shawn Geard, Centre City Infrastructure Lead
Reece Wilkinson, Parking Strategy Manager

RESOLUTION CO/25/21/7

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Transport Resolutions Report No.56".

(b) Resolves to adopt the proposed parking controls associated with the Parking Management Plan, including the expansion of the city centre paid parking zone and the

introduction of time limits on certain streets and reserves surrounding the paid zone as outlined in Appendix A, Attachment 7.9, 7.12. These controls will take effect on 4 August 2025.

(c) Resolves to adopt the proposed traffic and parking controls associated with general safety, operational or amenity purposes as outlined in Appendix A, Attachments 3.1, 7.2, 7.7, 7.9 (Maunganui Road), 7.16. The changes are to become effective on or after the 15th of July 2025 subject to installation of appropriate signs and road markings, where appropriate.

When put to the meeting recommendations (a and c) were declared **CARRIED**

Recommendation (b):

For: Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Kevin Shuler, Cr Rod Taylor

Against: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris

EQUAL

The Mayor did not use his casting vote.

The following motion was then moved:

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

(b) Resolves to adopt the proposed parking controls associated with the Parking Management Plan, including the expansion of the city centre paid parking zone and the introduction of time limits on certain streets and reserves surrounding the paid zone as outlined in Appendix A, Attachment 7.9, 7.12. These controls will take effect on 4 August 2025, except for the residents permits where more investigation will be done and reported back.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Kevin Shuler, Cr Rod Taylor.

Against: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Steve Morris

CARRIED

The following open agenda items were deferred to a future meeting:

- Item 11.2: Status updates on actions from prior Council meetings
- Item 11.3: City Centre Steet Project – Public Engagement
- Item 11.4: Council Controlled Organisations – Final Statements of Intent 2025/28

The following public excluded agenda items were deferred to a future meeting:

- Items 13.1 & 13.2: Confirmation of minutes from Council meetings on 10 & 26 June 2025
- Item 13.3: Clarification on CCO Board Appointment
- Item 13.4: Bay of Plenty Housing Equity Fund – Appointment of Members to the Board

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 4.04 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 5 August

2025.

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Mayor Mahé Drysdale
CHAIR